Committee to Measure Coal Stock and Production in the Country

1247. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether any committee has been constituted to enquire into present system of measurement of coal stocks and production in the country ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether the said committee has since submitted its report to Government ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and action taken by Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Board of Directors of Coal India Limited appointed a Sub-Committee to review the existing practice and procedure for firm measurement of overburden removal (OBR) and coal stocks.

(c) and (d) The Sub-Committee, after a detailed study submitted its report. The Report of the Sub-Committee has been accepted by the Board of Directors of Coal India Limited (CIL) with some modifications. The recommendations as accepted have been codified and circulated by CIL to its subsidiaries for strict implementation. The Code prescribes methods to be adopted for measurement of coal and OBR in Opencast mines, measurement of coal production in underground mines, norms for issue of coal for colliery consumption and investigation and action for stock shortage cases.

Scheme to Improve Stagnated Production of Underground Mines

1248. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether a major re-organisation of coal mines including mergers and derationalisation for more production of power is being considered by the Coal India Ltd ;

(b) if so, whether the main purpose of re-organisation is to improve the stagnated production of underground mines ;

(c) if so, what are the other steps that are being considered ;

(d) by what time the scheme is likely to be introduced ; and

(e) to what extent it will improve coal production in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) to (e) It is presumed that the Hon'ble Member is seeking information about major reorganisation of coal mines including mergers and de-nationalisation. There is no proposal under consideration of the Govt. to privatise the working coal mines of Coal India Ltd. (CIL). However, with a view to attract higher investment in coal mining to meet increasing coal demand, the Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act, 1973 has been amended on 9-6-1993 to enlarge the scope of coal mining by private enterprises for captive mining for generation of power, washing of coal, and other end uses to be notified. As regards re-organisation of underground/opencast mines for achieving higher production/productivity, it is a continuous process undertaken by coal companies.

Property of Lodna Colliery at Dhanbad

1249. SHRI M. D. SALIM : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1766 given in the Rajya Sabha dated on 9th August, 1993 and state :

(a) when it has come to the knowledge of the B.C.C.L. that the plot number 177 of Mouza Lodna belongs to them ; if so, the details thereof ;

(b) what are the details of the land alongwith its market value ;

(c) what are the reasons for this late discovery about the ownership of this plot and the steps taken on that ; and

(d) whether any body has been made accountable ; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?